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From: Matsuda, Thomas K <Thomas.K.Matsuda@hawaii.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2016 9:40 AM
To: Lai, Po-Yung
Cc: Rodriguez, Roberto
Subject: RE: Meeting on glyphosate use

Hi Po-Yung,
Thanks for the update.
Best,
Tom

From: Lai, Po-Yung [mailto:plai@honolulu.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2016 7:07 AM
To: Matsuda, Thomas K
Subject: RE: Meeting on glyphosate use

Good morning, Tom:

We will meet on Friday morning for internal discussion. I will get back to you after our meeting. Please keep your plan to have the glyphosate meeting at DEM for now as planned.

Po-Yung

From: Matsuda, Thomas K [mailto:Thomas.K.Matsuda@hawaii.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2016 3:21 PM
To: Rodriguez, Roberto
Cc: McWhorter, Scott; Grisier, Mary; TenBrook, Patti; Reimer, Neil J; Shimabukuro-Geiser, Phyllis
Subject: RE: Meeting on glyphosate use

Hi Roberto,

Thanks for your suggestion.

Due to groups voicing concerns about glyphosate use by state and county road crews and even some individuals stopping county spray applications on the Big Island, this call out to key state and county personnel is to bring awareness to their spray applications and protocols.

Earlier I had talked to county officials on each island about the proposed conference call and its intent prior to sending out the email.

I responded back to Neil Azevedo to clarify that there no classes being conducted but an outreach to bring awareness of applying glyphosate on roadways, and near schools, hospitals and residential areas and enforceable label language.

As our legislature will be opening this week and pesticides are a hot issue, I wanted to touch bases with these visible government groups that they are being forewarned and we would enforce the label.

Best,

Tom

From: Rodriguez, Roberto [<mailto:Rodriguez.Roberto@epa.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2016 11:09 AM
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Subject: FW: Meeting on glyphosate use

Hi Tom,

Thanks for sending out this email. It appears there's some confusion as to what this call is about (see message below). Since HDA issued warning letters to state DOT, I'm wondering whether we should limit the call to state DOT reps in this first call? I'm guessing your email was sent to state and county folks? If HDA didn't send warning letters to the counties yet, maybe we should start w/the state folks? Anyway, this is just a suggestion. Thanks.

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Subject: RE: Meeting on glyphosate use

Good morning Thomas

My name is Neil Azevedo from county of Hawaii Public Works Highways Division. I would like to attend the class on Oahu and where

Thanks
Neil

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Subject: Meeting on glyphosate use

Hi All,

On January 12th, I had a conference call with staff from EPA Region 9 concerning enforcement actions we have taken against Hawaii State DOT Highways or Counties. This stems around the use of glyphosate products and enforcing the section of the label reading "Prevent people and pets from entering treated areas until sprays have dried". While we have issued Warning Notices to the State DOT as recent as Sept. 2015, EPA Region 9 asked if I would call a meeting with key individuals from the State DOT Highways and County roadways to discuss this issue. This concern is based on questions posed to EPA Region 9 by concerned citizens in the State of Hawaii about enforcing the label language.

I briefed EPA Region 9 on my meetings with Honolulu C&C and the Big Island county staff and also with the State DOT and Harbors about this concern. Also the discussion of establishing BMPs and our offer to provide training by HDOA's Education staff.

Hence, I am looking at setting up a conference call meeting in a couple of weeks, for Thursday January 28th at 9:00 am (HST). I am coordinating with Dr. Po-Yung Lai of the City and County of Honolulu to secure a conference room for those who can attend on Oahu and a obtain a call in phone number for those off island.

Please let me know if you or your representative can participate.

Mahalo,

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